ST. ANN CHURCH AND NATIONAL SHRINE
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CHURCH HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 6:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday 6:00 am to 8:15 pm

WEEKEND EUCHARIST
Saturday: 7:30 am Mass
4:00 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday Masses:
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
Monday - Friday: 6:30 am & 8:45 am
Tuesday: 7:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm ending with Benediction
First Friday: 9:30 - 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION
Tuesday: 6:00 to 6:45 pm
Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 pm or by appointment

Pastor
Rev. Fr. Billy O’Riordan
455-7071, ext. 2223

Parochial Vicar
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Rev. Mr. Gerard “G” Gautrau
504-201-2767
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Mrs. Linda Ehrhardt, ext. 2222
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St. Ann School - 455-8383
Mrs. Susan Kropog, Principal
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WEBSITE POLICY
The parish bulletin is published on the parish website on the internet. Any person who does not want his or her name or picture in the bulletin or on the internet, please notify the Parish Office immediately in writing.

A CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD
This is for students in grades kindergarten, one, two and three and is held during the Sunday 9:30 am Mass.

BAPTISM
Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm. Please call the Church Office at least three months before the anticipated date of birth. To schedule the Baptism and a Preparation Seminar, call Deacon Phil Doolen at 455-7071, ext. 2231.

MATRIMONY
The prospective bride or groom must contact one of the parish priests or deacons at least 6 months in advance.

FUNERALS
Families should contact the Church Office before making any arrangements with the funeral home.

VISITATION OF THE SICK
Please notify the Church Office when someone is in the hospital or sick at home and unable to attend Mass.

ROSARY GROUPS
1st Saturday of each month following the 7:30 am Mass in Church.
Every Saturday 3:20 pm-3:40 pm, before the 4:00 pm Mass in Church.
Rosary & Divine Mercy, every Wednesday 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the St. Ann Room.

NOVENA TO ST. ANN
Every Tuesday after the 8:45 am and 7:00 pm Masses. A solemn nine day novena is held at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm, consisting of Mass, homily and novena prayers. July 18th through 26th (Feast of St. Ann).

MISSION STATEMENT
St. Ann, a Roman Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, is a faith family serving the needs of the parishioners and the wider community.
Home to the National Shrine of St. Ann, we are committed to providing opportunities to all for worship and service, evangelization and education, stewardship and ministry.
St. Ann Parish welcomes and invites all people to join us in proclaiming and living the Gospel values of Jesus Christ.

Issue 19
May 12, 2019
The Month of Mary

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The tradition began in the 13th century and spread to the whole Church in the 18th century. During this month of Mary, the faithful are invited to “offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God’s merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother’s throne” (Mense Maio, no.1).

Since the earliest days of the Church, Mary has been holding a special place in the hearts of all believers. One of the earliest known Marian prayers, dated back to 250 AD, goes: “Beneath thy compassion, we take refuge, O Mother of God: do not despise our petitions in time of trouble, but rescue us from dangers, only pure one, only blessed one.” Mind you, this prayer was composed during the persecution of the early Church. Christians in every age run to their Mother asking for protection and intercession, especially in times of suffering. Our Mother Mary often appears to the lowly and humble of heart. Bernadette at Lourdes. The three children of Fatima. Juan Diego at Tepeyac. There is a sympathy between “the handmaid of the Lord” and the poor in spirit. With her motherly instincts, Mary will never disappoint those who come to her with sincere hearts. She always points us to her Son: “Do whatever He tells you” (Jn 2: 5). Our Mother Mary is truly the closest way to get to Jesus.

I want to close this reflection with a beautiful prayer written by St. Anthony of Padua:

Mary, our Queen,
Holy Mother of God,
we beg you to hear our prayer.
Make our hearts overflow with divine grace
and resplendent with heavenly wisdom.
Render them strong with your might
and rich in virtue.
Pour down upon us the gift of mercy
so that we may obtain the pardon of our sins.
Help us to live in such a way
as to merit the glory and bliss of heaven.
May this be granted us by your Son Jesus
who has exalted you above the angels,
has crowned you as Queen,
and has seated you with him
forever on his refulgent throne.
Amen.
Fr. Vincent

May 12—18, 2019
“Sanctuary Light”

In Memory of “MiMi” Kelly Mallet

“Sanctuary Light in Chapel”

In Memory of Leona Rohr
Parish Calendar

5/12  Second Collection Diocesan Priest Retirement
     Happy Mother’s Day
     World Day of Prayer for Vocations
     8:30 am Children’s Church Choir Reh./St. Cecelia
     CYO Rosary for Healing & Peace in Church
5/13  9:30 am Come and See/St. Ann
     11:15 am PK4 Spring Program Practice in Church
5/14  9:15 am ADORATION in Chapel
     9:30 am Bible Study/St. Raymond
     11:15 am PK4 Spring Program Practice in Church
     3:15 pm Children’s Church Choir Pizza Party
     3:30 pm Faculty Meeting/Music Room
     6:45 pm PSR classes in Cafeteria/Classrooms
5/15  8:45 am School Mass Grades 2-7
     9:30 am Rosary Prayer Group/St. Raymond
     11:15 am PK4 Spring Program Practice in Church
     1 pm Sewing Seams of Faith Class/PMC St. Raymond
     2 pm 7th Grade Closing Practice/Church
     6:30 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting/Cafeteria
     7 pm Pastoral Council/St. Raymond
     7 pm - 9 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia
     7 pm - 8 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal/Church
5/16  Last Day of School for PK2/ PK3/ PK4
     9:30 am 7th Grade Closing Practice/Church
     9:30 am - 10:30 am Adult Catechism/PMC St. Raymond
     7 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/PMC St. Cecelia
     7 pm Adult Faith Formation/JPII
     7:30 pm School Advisory Council Mtg./Parish Office
5/17  10:30 am Spring Program/PK4 in Church
5/18  7:15 pm Pastoral Drive-In Movie Night/Playground
5/19  8:30 am Children’s Church Choir Reh./St. Cecelia
     11 am Volunteer Appreciation Mass & Breakfast
     Susan and Lynelle Retirement Party/Church & Caf,
     6 pm CYO Sports Night in Gym

The Hospitality Committee is looking for new members to assist and host church events here at St. Ann.

If interested please contact the church office at 455-7071. Thank You!

St. Ann Parish
Wedding Anniversary Celebration
Couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years and so on are invited to celebrate the anniversary of their marriage on Saturday, May 25th at the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass followed by a reception in the cafeteria. Please call the parish office 455-7071 to RSVP by Monday, May 20th or you can register online at https://stannchurchandshrine.org/matrimony

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St. Ann Church
Financial Recap

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Last Thursday was the night of the Spring Music Concert. We are so proud of our band and choir students! The school May Crowning is was last Wednesday and the school had many other activities to honor Mary, the mother of Jesus. Happy Mother’s Day to all mothers!

To 11:00 AM Mass Reception Following Sunday, May 19, 2019

St. Ann Church and Home & School Club invite all parishioners, families, current and former St. Ann students, and staff members to join us for Mass and a Reception where we wish to show our appreciation for Church and School Volunteers.

At this gathering we will recognize Mrs. Susan Kropog and Mrs. Lynelle Gumpert for their many years of leadership and service at St. Ann School.

We wish them a Happy Retirement.

Lunch will be served in the Cafeteria courtesy of St. Ann Men’s Club & Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Charles Duke Council #3465

Beginning Experience

Suddenly single again? Dreading being alone? Feeling the pain of having to go on with life but . . . everything has changed? Have you lost your spouse due to Divorce, Death or Separation? Having difficulty coping? Help is on the way. Beginning Experience Ministry under the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Office of Marriage and Family Life will begin a 10 week program “Coping With Life Alone” to help those struggling to cope with this loss. The Coping Program will begin on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at St. Angela Merici’s conference hall adjacent to the Church on 835 Melody St., Metairie. The cost will be $35. Call Bette Armentor at 504-339-7776 to register and for questions.

Summer Service Opportunity for High School Students

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans is offering a summer service program, Students Engaging in Reflective Volunteer Experiences, SERVE. This an opportunity for high school students to give back to the community and achieve the service hours required by many parochial high schools. Sessions run for four weeks with options to earn 12-32 hours. SERVE sites include a homeless shelter, two adult day healthcare centers, and a food bank. Students must be incoming freshman through seniors. Registration is non-refundable –$15 for Mini-SERVE or $30 for SERVE. Registration is open now until full. All participants will receive a t-shirt. For more information contact Shannon Murphy, Director of Volunteers at (504) 310-6962. Register online at http://www.ccano.org/serve-app/. 
This Week at Home

Monday, May 13   The Sheep Gate
At the beginning of the parable of the good shepherd, Jesus describes himself as the gate through which the sheep need to go to be saved. Through this gate, the sheep find pasture and will receive eternal life. The relationship that exists between the shepherd and his flock is the covenant relationship that God establishes with us. God is in search of us and we respond to him. Write a prayer in response to the image of the Shepherd and the sheep. Today’s Readings: Acts 11:1–18; Psalm 45:2–3, 43:3, 4; John 10:1–10.

Tuesday, May 14   Feast of St. Matthias
Today’s First Reading tells of the selection process to replace Judas Iscariot as one of the Twelve. Matthias, who was nominated along with a man named Joseph, was selected by lot. Both men had been in the company of Jesus from the baptism of John until the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus. How does your life give witness to the Risen Lord? Today’s Readings: Acts 1:15–17, 20–26; Psalm 113:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8; John 15:9–17.

Wednesday, May 15   Choices
Jesus proclaims that the words he speaks both save and condemn. The mystery of our faith is filled with contrary declarations. Jesus is the Word, he is our salvation that has come into the world. He offers a path that leads us to the light of the Father. Any other direction will lead us into darkness and destruction. Jesus pleads with us to choose the path of light and life. What direction do you plan to take? Today’s Readings: Acts 12:24—13:5; Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; John 12:44–50.

Thursday, May 16   Messengers of Love
Following the washing of the feet, Jesus prepares his disciples with an understanding of how they are to live a life of love and service and put into practice what they have just received from the Lord. They are to love and serve God, each other, and those strangers they have yet to meet. It is easier for us to dismiss those we do not like or discount those who are different from us. How can our accepting attitude toward others show Christ’s love? Today’s Readings: Acts 13:13–25; Psalm 89:2–3, 21–22, 25, 27; John 13:16–20.

Friday, May 17   A Dwelling Place
As Jesus prepares his followers for his leaving them, he offers consoling words. He assures them that his Father’s house will have a place for them, as it has “many dwelling places.” What does it mean to you that Jesus would prepare a place for his followers? Today’s Readings: Acts 13:26–33; Psalm 2:6–7, 8–9, 10–11; John 14:1–6.

Saturday, May 18   Shook the Dust from Their Feet
Paul and Barnabas are preaching fearlessly to large crowds, almost the entire city! However, the disciples are expelled after they note that the Jews have rejected the Word of God. Paul and Barnabas “shook the dust from their feet” and left filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. Are you able to trust in the Lord and depart with a light heart when your message is rejected? Today’s Readings: Acts 13:44–52; Psalm 98:1, 2–3, 3–4; John 14:7–14.
How well do you know your Catholic Faith?

1. Letters from the pope to the whole world are called ______?  
   a. Epistles  
   b. apostles  
   c. Nuncios  
   d. Encyclicals

2. What does the word “Mass” mean?  
   a. To celebrate  
   b. To send  
   c. To love  
   d. A little

3. Confirmation recalls the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first Christians on ______?  
   a. Easter  
   b. Ascension  
   c. Pentecost  
   d. Sabbath

4. What is the study of God called?  
   a. philosophy  
   b. Jesology  
   c. theophany  
   d. Theology

5. How many books are there in the New Testament?  
   a. 27  
   b. 46  
   c. 73  
   d. 0

See answers at the bottom of this page.

Catholic Pop Quiz Answers

1. D.  
2. B.  
3. C.  
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Immediately following this prayer for peace, the priest may invite us to exchange a sign of peace. It is easy for us to lose sight of the meaning of this exchange and to allow it to devolve into a mere greeting and casual conversation. However, the true meaning lies in the words of the priest prior to the exchange in which he speaks the words of our Lord, “Peace I leave you, my peace I give you.” We are acknowledging Christ’s presence in each other and sharing the peace that we have received from Christ with each other. It is a deep spiritual reality that is outwardly expressed in our exchange of peace. It also serves a secondary purpose insofar as it is an expression of Christian fellowship – a unified community centered on correct worship of the Lord. Next time you offer and receive this “sign of peace” remember the words of Jesus and truly offer it in spirit of Christian love.

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St. Ann Vacation Bible School!

Registration for VBS 2019 is currently being accepted. Registration for campers and student volunteers are now open! The registration link can be found on the church website at:

http://stannchurchandshrine.org/vacation-bible-school

We will host the events July 1-12 (TWO WEEKS!!!) and participants will have the option of half or full day program. The two options are 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon, or 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have questions, please forward them to David Wilson at 455-7071, ext. 2225.

Summer Cabbageball Registration

Registration for this summer’s Cabbageball league is now open! Games begin June 3—26. Students entering grades Kindergarten up to 5th grade may participate. Prices are $35 for each child. Games will be played on Monday and Wednesday nights in the St. Ann schoolyard. Grade-based teams comprised of boys and girls will play games which last about 45 minutes. The series will end with a league party on or near July 1. The cost is $35.00 for each child and includes their shirt, equipment, awards and end-of-season party. Register at:

https://www.signupforms.com/registrations/18229

St. Ann Hosts Drive-In Movie!

St. Ann is happy to announce the return of the St. Ann Family Drive-in Movies!!! The next event for 2019 will be held on Saturday, May 18th in the St. Ann school parking lot. Cartoons will begin at dusk around 7:30 p.m. The first movie to be hosted is the hit “Incredibles 2.” This is a REAL drive-in movie experience with a Big Screen, movie snacks, and that great outdoor feel. Come have a great time and bring your friends and neighbors! See you there!
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